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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Thomas A. RUNKLER, et al.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING DECISION TREES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following subsection:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/130,636,

filed April 23, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.--

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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